

Carnegie Library of Atlanta (Atlanta Public Library)
126 Carnegie Way
Atlanta
Fulton County
Georgia

HABS No. GA-1216

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STATE Georgia	COUNTY Fulton	TOWN OR VICINITY Atlanta
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Carnegie Library of Atlanta		HABS NO. GA-1216
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Atlanta Public Library		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 126 Carnegie Way		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1899-1902	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ackerman and Ross	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Was one of the few extant examples of Beaux Arts Classicism in Atlanta. When built, was the first free public library supported by a Georgia city. Named derives from a \$100,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie toward the building's construction cost.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Beaux Arts		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Main block: 7 bays by 3 bays; 2-story; raised basement; flat roof Addition: 4 bays by 6 bays; 2-story; raised basement; flat roof		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Main facade decorated with colossal paired and engaged Ionic columns; east side has Ionic pilasters; arched windows on first story, top of arches bearing names of famous writers; entrance also arched, capped by carved foliated decoration, a bust of a woman, and the inscribed name "Carnegie;" large dentiled cornice; frieze inscribed with "Erected in the Year of our Lord		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Nineteen Hundred and Dedicated to the Advancement of Learning." Interior gutted in 1949; only major original feature is a fireplace and mantle, decorated with tiles depicting scenes from the Uncle Remus Stories (located Basement, East Reading Room)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1943: Annex built. 1949: Annex torn down; addition to west side; interior gutted. Architects Toombs and Creighton., 1963: interior altered. Architects Toombs, Amisano and Wells. 1977: Demolished.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Information above from Register files.		
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